



# Career Connection

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## Career Connection :

Career Connection is a national FCCLA program that guides young people to link their options and skills for success in families, careers, and communities. Through individual, cooperative, and competitive activities, members –

- Discover their strengths
- Target career goals
- Initiate a plan for achieving the lifestyle they desire

## Career Connection Topic Areas:

Six units focus students' activities on different aspects of career development. Students can choose a unit, then plan and carry out related projects that strengthen their awareness of skills needed for careers. Each unit includes information, related activity ideas, at least 14 specific project suggestions, three or four reproducible project tools, and more.

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| 1. <b>PLUG IN to Careers</b><br>Understand Work and Career Connection Program                               | 4. <b>LINK UP to jobs</b><br>Learn to find and land a job  |
| 2. <b>SIGN ON to the Career Connection</b><br>Link personal interests, skills, and goals to career clusters | 5. <b>ACCESS SKILLS for Career Success</b><br>Practice being productive and promotable                 |
| 3. <b>PROGRAM Career Steps</b><br>Prepare with education, leadership, and work experiences                  | 6. <b>INTEGRATE Work and Life</b><br>Manage interconnected roles in families, careers, and communities |

## Career Connection CD:

The *Career Connection and Leaders at Work* CD provides everything students need to make the Career Connection, including –

- a "Career Scan" to help students identify and analyze previous career-related experiences
- dozens of ideas for simple, short-term student activities
- more than 90 suggestions for individual, cooperative, and competitive student projects
- insight from FCCLA alumni and family-friendly employers
- two reproducible tool sheets to use with projects and activities

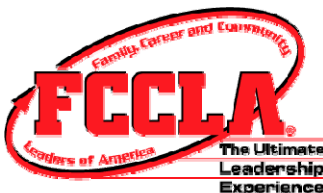
For more information on the FCCLA Career Connection program and the *Career Connection and Leaders at Work* CD, log onto the FCCLA Web site, [www.fcclainc.org](http://www.fcclainc.org). Contact your local FCCLA chapter to find out how to make a Career Connection through FCCLA.

## Awards:

Family, Career and Community Leaders of America offers national recognition to chapters and members that complete FCCLA Career Connection projects. This honor includes cash awards and special recognition at the National Leadership Meeting and in *Teen Times* magazine. Chapters apply for recognition for their hard work and innovative projects with the National Programs Award Application available on the FCCLA Web site, [www.fcclainc.org](http://www.fcclainc.org).

Awards: Middle School Award - \$1,000  
High School Award - \$1,000  
Runner-Up Award - \$500

Deadline: Award applications due to FCCLA national headquarters postmarked by March 1.



*Make your Career Connection with this FCCLA program and learn how to explore career pathways and skills for success in families, careers, and communities.*